

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**April 2, 2010**

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Chief Cox at 0730. The following members were present: Charles Schneider, Russ Trimble, Jeff Pomeranz, Scott Sanders, Don Cox, Jack O'Donnell, Jeff Dumermuth, Jody Smith, Mike Whitsell, Joe Cory, Jason Wittgraf, Scott Wiegert, Larry Richards, Paul Barrows, Rob Dehnert, David Edgar, James Sargent, Amy Larsen, Mike Ficcola, Greg Jones and Michelle McKelvogue.

## **REVIEW OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Chief Cox reviewed the minutes from the February 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Follow-up items Animal Control Building and Weed Ordinance will be discussed during the meeting.

## **FACILITIES / EQUIPMENT**

Chief O'Donnell provided an update on the Animal Control Building. The building is definitely in need of repairs. At a minimum the ventilation system & aesthetics need work. The animals continue to receive good quality care. Council members requested both a cost analysis and level of service analysis between using the Animal Rescue League vs. repairs or replacement of WDM Animal Control Building. This item will be placed on the June Public Safety Committee Agenda.

## **PLANNING / OPERATIONAL UPDATES**

Chief Cox informed the committee that an annual Disaster Drill is being prepared by WDM EMS for this spring or summer. The drill will include, at a minimum, all WDM Public Safety Departments.

Chief Cox informed the committee that some volunteers for sandbagging have approached the City Council. The volunteers have been referred to Shirley Houghtaling for placement on the volunteer call list. Churches and social groups also are an excellent source of volunteers when needed. Amy Larson added that the City advertisement for volunteers in the WDM Magazine was successful.

## **CODES / ORDINANCES**

Captain Barrows reported, through efforts of the Sustainability Committee, it was discovered the Weed Ordinance is out-of-date. A revised Weed Ordinance is being presented to the Code Enforcement Sub-committee next Tuesday and, if approved, to the City Council for adoption.

## **COLLABORATION / PARTNERSHIP / PROGRAMS**

Chief Cox opened the discussion on renewing the Homeland Security 28E Agreement which expires in July 2010. After considerable discussion, the council members requested more specific information from the Des Moines Police Department regarding expenditures, revenue and services provided before moving forward. The council members also recommended adding termination language and including line item budget information reporting. Chief Cox will provide copies of the FY08-09 report from the team, and line item budget clarifications he previously requested, to Councilmen Trimble & Schneider. Chief O'Donnell will request items from Des Moines that the councilmen have asked for. A special Public Safety Committee Meeting will be scheduled after information is gathered. Jeff Pomernaz asked Jody Smith to move the Homeland Security expense line item to the City Managers Office from the Fire Department.

Chief Dumermuth updated the committee on an RFP for a radio study which was authored by WestCom and Polk County, however the RFP is funded totally by Polk County. The RFP relates to the inoperability issue which will be forced in 2013 due to new radio standards. WestCom is also looking at other options.

Chief Cox reported the WDM FD is collaborating with Valley High School art classes to design a new patch. Over 50 designs were received and a few have been returned to the art class with recommendations for further work.

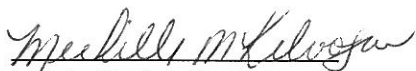
## **OPEN FORUM**

Councilman Russ Trimble reported on a complaint he received from a resident on Ridgewood regarding the running of trucks at all hours of the night from the CLM Pallet Recycling facility at 2420 Grand Avenue; a possible noise ordinance issue. Captain Wiegert stated there is a history of similar complaints, but nothing has been received since the building changed occupants. Capt. Wiegert will look into the matter.

## **NEXT MEETING**

A special meeting is to be determined. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Friday, June 4, 2010 at Station 21, at 07:30.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 08:45.



Michelle McKelvey, Recording Secretary

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